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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12/January, through Sunday, 19/January there were 233 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5X, UGANDA. Lot, DJ7ZG, informs OPDX that he and Babs/DL7AFS will be heading to Central Africa to be active as **5X1DC**. They will operate from **Ssesse Island**, which is located in **Lake Victoria** near **Entebbe**. They will fly to Africa on January 26th. Lot states to listen for them from Uganda between **February 9-23rd** and to look for them on the usual DX frequencies. QSL via DL7AFS. For more detailed information, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/>

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Ben/DL6RAI and Roberto/IV3IYH will operate from **Tobago Island (IOTA SA-009)** from **February 11th through March 3rd**. Activity will

include the **ARRL DX SSB** and **CW Contests**. Operations will be CW/SSB and RTTY on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands. Callsigns will be **9Y4/DL6RAI** (QSL via DL6RAI), **9Y4/IV3IYH** (QSL via IK2ILH), and during the ARRL Contests, **9Y4TBG** (QSL via DL4MEH).

AX, AUSTRALIA (Special Prefix for Australia Day). Australian radio amateurs will be able to celebrate their country's **national day** for 48 hours this year with the use of the alternative prefix of Alpha Xray (**AX**) replacing the normal Victor Kilo (**VK**). The mainland of Australia has four different time zones - and mix of standard and summer time. **VK**'s can substitute the **AX** prefix from 0001 hours local time on Sunday, **January 26th** through 2359 hours on Monday, **January 27th**. Because this year Australia Day January 26th falls on a weekend, there is also an official public holiday on Monday, January 27th. WIA Victoria will be activating **AX3WI** on the two days using SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and CW, mainly on the 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. A special event QSL card will be issued.

EX, KYRGYZSTAN. Pavel, **EX8NP**, has been very active recently on 80 meters, as well as 15/20 meters SSB. Watch around 3789-3799 kHz after 1315z (for about an hour) and again after 2100z until about 0000z (then he MAY move to 20 meters around 14171 kHz). QSL via IK2QPR: Paolo Fava, via Bertani 8, 46100 Mantova, Italy. ADDED NOTE: IK2QPR is also the QSL Manager for the following callsigns in Kyrgyzstan: EX2U, EX5T, EX7MA, EX7MK, EX8MF, EX8QB, EX8QF, EX8NK and EX8DX. Please note that he can only confirm QSLs for EX8MLE for QSOs made before April 2002. After this date, QSLs for EX8MLE should be send DIRECT to his address listed on QRZ.COM.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA. Operators Didier/FY5FY and Herve/F5HRY will be active as **FY5KE** in the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-26th)**.

HV, VATICAN CITY. **HV0A** was active this past Sunday on 21320 kHz between 1545-1730z listening split. QSL via IK0FVC direct only.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-017**. Mat, JS6PXB, will sign **JS6PXB/6** from **Zamami Island** (Zamami-jima Zamami-son Shimajiri-gun Okinawa-ken) from 0600z, **February 5th** through 0000z, **February 6th**. Activity will only be on 40 and 20 meters SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to: Mat Hosokawa, 2-39-3-306 Aragusuku, Ginowan City, Okinawa Island 901-2201 Japan.
- **AS-043**. Operators Eiji/JQ1SUO, Tatsuhiko/JF1CCH and JA2HMD will sign **homecall/1** from **Hachijo Island**, **March 8-9th**. They will be active on 40/30/20/15/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via home callsigns, direct or via the bureau.

IQ/IU, ITALY (Prefix News). Andy, IV3SKB, informs OPDX that the "**IQ**" prefix will now be used only for **club stations** in Italy. Andy states in the past he used the callsign **IQ3X** in major contests and will now change his contest callsign to IU3Y. Look for him to be active in the **ARRL DX CW Contest** as **IU3Y** and as a Single-OP on 40 meters. QSL both callsigns direct or via the bureau to IV3SKB.

J3, GRENADA. William, VE3EBN, will be active as **J37LR** from **January 31st through April 2nd**. Activity will be CW/SSB on 80-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign VE3EBN.

J7, DOMINICA (Update and QRP Skeds). Mike W1USN, mentioned on the QRP-L InterNet Reflector that he will be active this week (**January 21-28th**) as **J75RN**. He states, "If anyone would like a sked, QRP or not, please send me an E-mail and I'll try to make the contact. SSB or PSK is OK, also CW via J75PL..... 73, Mike W1USN, mike@rioux.org "

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. Pick/WA5PAE and Jay/K4ZLE will be returning here and will be active as **KG4IZ** and **KG4MO**, respectively, from **January 28th through February 4th**. They will operate on all bands from 160-10 meters using mostly digital modes (CW, PSK-31 and RTTY). QSL via their respective home callsign. SASE will get a quick turn around. Bureau response has been taking two years or more.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Carl, N4AA, Editor of QRZ DX, reports early Sunday morning Chuck, N4BQW, is now here. The report states: "Chuck has the FT900/S2001 amp working and the IC706mkIIg on 6 meters. The 160m dipole is up and he will try to call and monitor CW on 1.8265 (down for JA and up for US) or SSB on 1.8430+ from around 1000 to 1500Z starting **January 20th**. He should be monitoring 50.110 as well. He has not had time to set up the SSB beacon so don't expect it yet, if at all. He has a 5 element yagi. He's apparently had about 30 QSOs on 6m with JA so far. He will be working on assembling the C3SS yagi on Sunday (today). He does not have any WARC, 80 or 40 antennas. He's not likely to be on those bands. He will only be there for a week, leaving around mid-day (local) on **January 26**. He does have a hand key for CW." He is expected to sign **N4BQW/KH9**. QSL via KB6NAN direct.

LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP ACTIVITY. Look for the Metro Amateur Radio Club (MARC) to be active **February 8-9th** (1600-2400z both days) from the **Chicago Harbor Southeast Guidewall Lighthouse** (USA-930). They will be using the special event callsign **K9Y**. QSL via N9BOR (with SASE) to: Michael J Dinelli, 9423 Kolmar Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076-1321.

MIAMI HAMFEST DX FORUM. The South Florida DX Association will be hosting the **DX Forum** at this year's Miami Tropical Hamboree on **February 1st**. Guest Speakers for DX Forum on Saturday morning in the Playhouse are:

- Al Hernandez, K3VN, who will speak on the recent ZL7C DXpedition.
- Dan Street, K1TO, President of the Florida Contest Group will speak about his recent unprecedented third win of the WRTC event in Finland.

There will also be a "Gathering of Friends," a.k.a. the DX Dinner, and it will be in association with the Florida Contest Group. Also, there will be a DX "Happy Hour" Cocktail Party. DXCC cards checking will be available before dinner For more information, please visit the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/k4fk/>

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2003. The following were announced as new officers for the **Mother Lode DX/Contest Club** (Northern California) for the year 2003:

President:	Ron St. Jean, KG6CMS
Vice-President:	Dick Wilson, K6LRN
Secretary/Treasurer:	Gary Stilwell, KI6T
Director:	Ray Parker, ND6S
Director:	Rick Casey, W6RKC

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Frank Dalonzo, N3ZOM, informs OPDX that effective immediately, he will now be handling all of **CO6XN**'s direct ONLY QSLing. All bureau cards will continue to be handled by HK6DOS. Please post and pass along this info to the DX community.
- Alan, K6ACZ, who was recently active as **DU1/K6ACZ** from the Philippines, has returned home and wants to thank all who gave him contest multipliers and points during the ARRL 10M Contest. For a QSL, send to his home QTH address (OK in RAC/QRZ/BUCK, etc). For a rundown of his activities, please visit the following link at: http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/index.html?con_id=24&ofst=0
- Jeff, K8ND, states that if anyone wants a quick turnaround on a **PJ2/K8ND** QSL card for his 400+ 160 meter QSOs from Signal Point on Curacao in November 2002, now is the time to send the SASE. He will QSL 100% to the bureaus in the second week of February. Any cards that arrive before he mails to the bureaus will be pulled from the bureau box and sent immediately. QSLs for the PJ2T Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) operations in CQWW SSB and CW Contest are via N9AG. Full logs for those operations and information about the station can be found at: <http://asgard.kent.edu/ccc/>
- **NEW QSL ADDRESS.** Pres, N6SS, QSL Manager for **VQ9SS**, informs OPDX that he now has a new address (Same QTH, address changed by USPO). His new address is: Preston T. Smith, N6SS, 20 N. Outback Rd., Dewey, AZ 86327, U.S.A.

S2, BANGLADESH. John, KX7YT, informs OPDX that he will be active as **S21YV** from Dhaka between **January 27th and March 2nd**. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters SSB, PSK31 and CW. His usual operating times will be between 1200 to 1600z daily. John will be active during the **ARRL CW** and **Phone DX Contests**, work schedule permitting. QSL to John's home callsign, KX7YT.

SPECIAL EVENT. Look for the Boys Scout Association of Baependi (PY3UEB), to be operating during the period of **January 19-29th** as **ZX3S**. Activity is to celebrate the "**WORLD SOCIAL FORUM**" taking place in **Porto Alegre**, in the south end of Brazil (GS. GF49KX). Operations will be on all the bands. A station will be set up at a Field School escoteiro and available for local participants at the WSF camp. QSL via PY3CQ.

SU, EGYPT. Said, **SU1SK**, was active this past weekend on 21310 kHz between 1430-1530z. Sometimes he shows up on/around 7025 kHz after 0330z. Also, heard this past weekend was Alan, SU9BN, on 12 meters on 24956 kHz after 1245z.

SV/A, MT. ATHOS. Kostas, SV1DPI, has been releasing information this past week about Monk Apollo, **SV2ASP/A**. He states that he talked to Monk Apollo on the phone and Apollo stated he was not active on CW on 21018 kHz on January 13th. This operation was the work of a SLIM. Also mentioned was that Apollo has managed to connect his PC with his HF radio, and he is ready to be on the air in the coming days. Kostas states, "He told me that he will operate only on CW (not Phone), but I presume that he will operate RTTY and maybe PSK, since I have sent him the relevant programs." Apollo will only operate during his freetime. Suggested times are: sometimes after 0530z (this is a short period before he does his daily duties until sunset [around 1600z during winter in Greece] and between 1700-1900z before he goes sleep. A request has been made for Apollo to listen for stateside stations around 0000z on 40 meters. Apollo didn't refuse but informed Kostas that it is quite difficult. **LAST MINUTE UPDATE:** Before going to print, a look at the DXCluster spots showed Apollo checked into a

40 meter net on 7075 kHz at 1011z.

ADDED NOTE: Veronica, W6/IK3ZAW, has been asked by Monk Apollo to forward the following information to OPDX to repeat the following in order to avoid confusions and problems with QSL cards:

- The SY prefix is currently being issued by the Greek ministry to ordinary Greek stations as a special prefix. None of the recent SYs is transmitting (or has transmitted) from Mount Athos, except from SY2A (operated by Monk Apollo a couple of years ago).
- His CORRECT address is: Monk Apollo, Dochiariou Monastery, GR-630 87 DAFNI, Mount Athos, GREECE (He says he is not taking any responsibility for those cards sent to an address different from the one above.)

VK0, MACQUARIE ISLAND. Those who still need this one may want to watch the weekend for Peter, **VK0MQI**, on 21365 kHz after 0000z.

VP6/D, DUCIE ISLAND (More Updates). More details were released this past week on the second Ducie Island DXpedition. Activity is expected on **March 8th or 9th**, depending upon seas and weather. Stu, WA2MOE, states the callsign will NOT be released or announced just before the operation begins to avoid slim activity. The announcement will come from Kan, JA1BK, or Stu, WA2MOE. The operators will use SSB, CW and RTTY from three sites on all HF bands, 6 meters and the AO-40 satellite. However, the main bands to be used will be 20 and 15 meters (QRV 24 hours). The organizer is Kan, JA1BK. Operators will be DJ9ON/Dieter (CW Op), DK9KX/Hans (CW Op), FO3BM/Philippe (6m SSB Op), JA1SLS/Hiro (CW/SSB Op), JR2KDN/Yuichi (SSB Op), N6TQS/Doug (SSB, AO-40 Op), VP6DB/Dave (10m SSB Op), VP6AZ/Mike (10m SSB Op) and VP6MW/Meralda (17/12m CW/SSB Op). Pilot stations will be: JE2EHP, DJ8NK and Stu/WA2MOE. QSL Manager is JR2KDN (direct or Bureau). The official Web page for the second Ducie Island DXpedition is at:

<http://www.qsl.net/wd4ngb/ducie.htm> Another site with the latest news from JA1BK and pilots, and with E-mail links to pilots is at: <http://www.qsl.net/aa0mz/ducie2.htm>

ZK1, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (IOTA and OM/XYL Op). Look for June/VK4SJ and Doug/VK4BP to return to the South Cook Islands in **April and May** to be active as **ZK1AYL** and **ZK1SIM**, respectively. They will operate from:

- **Aitutaki Island - IOTA OC-083, April 27th - May 14th**
- **Rarotonga Island - IOTA OC-013, May 15th - May 26th**

ADDED NOTES: June was part of the "All YL DXpedition" that operated from Gina's on Aitutaki and Rarotonga last September-October 2002. She had such an enjoyable time that she and her OM Doug vowed to return as soon as possible. June also said that because of the Solar disturbances while on Aitutaki, the bands were dead for quite a few days so hopefully those that missed out last time will not be disappointed this time. Activity will be SSB only on all bands, 40-10 meters. QSL via VK4SJ, either direct to CBA with return postage or via the bureau. Direct cards without return postage will be returned via the bureau. E-QSL's will not be accepted. June and Doug's address is as follows: June Sim, P.O. Box 406, Caloundra, Queensland, AUSTRALIA 4551.

ZK2, NIUE. Just a reminder that Bert, PA3GIO, is now active as **ZK2GI** until **January 26th**.

Activity will be on 20-10 meters, SSB only. He hopes there will be propagation to Europe approximately 0800-1400z, peaking around 1100z. QSL (preferably) is by E-mail to: qsl@pa3gio.nl (No attachment) Or via the bureau to PA3GIO. Bert states, "I do not accept nor send eQSLs (i.e. www.eQSL.cc)! I do not read my E-mail when on a DXpedition..." Direct QSLs go to: Bert vd Berg, Parklaan 38, NL-3931 KK Woudenberg, The Netherlands, Europe.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND (80m Activity). Winton, ZL3AO, from Christchurch, South Island, informs OPDX that he feels 80 meters DXing is peaking later in Christchurch than in previous years (from a ZL perspective). Viewing the DXCluster spots, OPDX noticed that ZL stations have been active as early as 1000z and as late as 1500z/plus). Winton states he has been operating mobile on 80 meters in the DX segment since the 1999 DX season. Others stations Winton states to look for are Charles/ZL4DX (also in Christchurch) and Roy/ZL4BO, who has moved to Alexandra (with a dipole strung across a gully, its effectively 3-meters above ground level of surrounding land, but about 20-meters above the gully floor). DXCluster spots show ZL1BMW, ZL1HY, ZL2AL and ZL2AGY have also been active on 80 meters.

ZL1AMO UPDATE. Judy Roush, AA7UC, reported the following late January 12th: "This evening, I am writing to share great news with you. Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, informs us that after three-months, he has been released from the hospital and is now home! In Ron's own words, he thanks 'the many hundreds around the planet who have kept me going over the past months.' Ron, I think I speak for the entire DX and amateur radio community when I say, "Welcome home dear friend! The prayers of many have been answered! God bless and enjoy your reunion with Jeanette and the family!"

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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